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TENTATIVE PRIORITY LIST OF PROJECTS FOR COORDINATION BY CIO

(Inclosure to ICAPS memo dated 18 SEP 1948, subject "Coordination Program".

I. CIO has completed action in the following fields of intelligence coordination:

1. Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service. (See NIA Directive No. 5.)
2. Exploitation of the Foreign Language Press in the United States. (See CIO Directive No. 13.)
3. Photographic Intelligence Files (OSS) (See CIO Memorandum to State Department, dated 21 August 1946, file CIO-A-4.021.)
4. Acquisition of Foreign Publications. (See NIA Directive No. 6)
5. Utilisation of Mineral Attaches. Arrangements completed. Exploitation of this source is now a responsibility of Office of Collection and Dissemination.

II. Coordinating action in the following fields is in progress (listed in order of priority):

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2. Coordination of Collection (General). Action by CIO has now been initiated and will be followed continuously. Initial consideration is being given to coordination of collecting activities between military and naval attaches in the field.

3. Coordination of Biographical Intelligence. Now in process. Each agency has submitted a plan and CIO composite plan is in course of preparation.

4. Coordination of intelligence on foreign industrial establishments. Now in process of development under CIO guidance.

5. Intelligence Program for China. The postwar Collection problem in China is now under consideration as a project to form the pattern for the general solution of the intelligence problem. Action is being monitored by CIO.

6. Washington Document Center. Action is now underway to consider centralization of functions and operation under CIO.

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7. Disposition of Files of U. S. Strategic Bombing Survey. Action for disposition of files of USSES is now well advanced. Tentative arrangements call for physical storage in National Archives under supervision of CIG.

8. Central Register of Intelligence Information. Initial study by CIG indicated prohibitive cost. The problem is being reexamined on a more modest basis.

9. Psychological Warfare. This subject is under consideration by SWNCC under the SWNCC 301 series. CIG's interest is based on the intelligence aspects and further CIG action awaits action by an ad hoc committee appointed by SWNCC Secretariat memo dated 13 June 1946.

10. Use of Sampling Techniques applied to intelligence. The Navy Department is currently conducting two projects to test the feasibility of the general technique applied to intelligence. One of these involves a survey conducted in a foreign country. Any further action on the part of CIG will await results on the Navy survey.

11. Intelligence Terminology. Comments were submitted to JCS for consideration in action on glossary of terms submitted by ANSCOL (now National War College) in JCS 1370 series. Further CIG action awaits action by JCS.

12. Release of information to foreign governments. In SWNCC 206/10 the charter of sub-committee on Military Information Control was established. CIG is in process of working out relationship with the Committee on Military Information Control.

III. The following is a list of projects suggested for future coordination study by CIG (in order of priority):

1. Coordination of Scientific Intelligence. CIG has made some progress in the exploration of this problem. The services of [redacted] are available on part time status as a consultant. A scientific branch will be activated in ORME. In view of the urgency, this project should be pushed rapidly. One phase of this problem is considered in NIA No. 6 series.

2. Foreign Resources Potential (and Foreign Raw Materials). A study involving evaluation of the economic war potentials of each foreign power by industry and raw materials, and comparison with that of the United States, has been requested by the Joint Logistics Committee, JCS. Originated prior to the formation of CIG, it was later agreed that CIG should monitor the study. This decision was reversed without the knowledge of CIG and JLC has now been made responsible for the completion of the report. The project is one of great magnitude and the results are of vital interest to the government as a whole. The need for coordination on the national scale is indicated.

3. Petroleum Intelligence. Foreign petroleum intelligence is

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vital if U.S. strategic plans involving foreign powers are to be soundly formulated. ICAPS will examine this requirement and recommend means to meet it.

4. Coordination of Geographic and Related Intelligence. CIG is now in process of establishing a small geographic and cartographic section in the Functional Branch of OME. When established and manned, planning in this field, including mapping, will go forward.

5. Coordination of Utilisation of Private Research (in field of Social Science.) Many non-governmental agencies exist which are performing research in the social sciences concerning foreign countries. CIG has made some preliminary investigations and finds a general spirit of helpfulness in these agencies.

6. Establishment of Central Photo Register. Initial investigation indicates high cost. Value to intelligence operations indicates further study advisable.

7. Censorship Planning. This is essentially a war planning project which should be developed on a national scale in peacetime. Very little progress to date.

8. Coordination of Budget Estimates. This problem was opened by the Bureau of the Budget on 7 April 1946, but solution was postponed until Congressional action was completed on the 1947 budget. Action was completed by Congress in July, but no further action has been taken by CIG due to internal reorganization.

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